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SUBJECT: FRG AID TO EGYPT

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1. IN MEETING JANUARY 7 WITH ECONCOOPMIN UNDER
SECRETARY KOLLATZ, ECON/COMMERCIAL MIN EMPHASIZED THE
IMPORTANCE OF FRG AID TO EGYPT AND URGED THE FRG TO
REMAIN FLEXIBLE REGARDING AID TO EGYPT IN 1977.

2. KOLLATZ ASSURED US THAT THE FRG WOULD HAVE NO
PROBLEM REMAINING FLEXIBLE IN THE LONGER TERM SINCE IT
WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO MAKE MORE THAN A ONE-YEAR
COMMITMENT TO EGYPT THIS YEAR. A MULTI-YEAR
COMMITMENT TO EGYPT WOULD IMPINGE ON THE ABILITY OF THE
FRG TO MAKE COMMITMENTS TO OTHER COUNTRIES WITHIN THIS
YEAR'S TIGHT AID AUTHORIZATION BUDGET. A SINGLE YEAR
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COMMITMENT TO EGYPT WILI IN NO WAY FORECLOSE NEW PLEDGES
IN 1978 AND BEYOND, HOWEVER.

3. ECON/COMMERCIAL MIN ASKED WHETHER 1977 COMMITMENT
WOULD BE SIMILAR TO PREVIOUS ANNUAL COMMITMENTS (DM 500
MILLION OVER THREE YEARS, OR APPROXIMATELY DM 167
MILION ANNUALLY). KOLLATZ STARTED TO SAY "MAYBE EVEN

MORE" BUT THEN SIMPLY AGREED THAT PREVIOUS LEVELS WOULD BE MET.

4. COMMENT: ECONCOOPMIN ALSO RETAINS SOME SHORT TERM FLEXIBILITY IN THE 1977 COMMITMENT EVEN AFTER BUDGETING PLANS ARE MADE. MINISTER SCHLEI CAN CHANGE THE AMOUNT OF AID COMMITTED TO EGYPT, WITHIN THE CONSTRAINTS OF THE MINISTRY'S BUDGET, UP TO THE TIME OF A BINDING GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN EGYPT AND THE FRG.

5. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION, AS IT DEVELOPS, ON U.S. PLANS FOR EGYPT. STOESSEL UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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